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1. The DLSUFEVO (33°40'E/53°36'N) airfield, Bryansk Oblast, was east of the railroad line and the Desna River and bordered on woods to the east.
2. A single-track 3,300-foot railroad branch line coming from the south led to the airfield. The field was also connected with the railroad station by a road, about 2,500 feet long, the first 1,000 feet of which were paved; the remaining section was without a solid subgrade.
3. The field had a firm grass cover. No work was being done on the landing field. Concrete runways were not available. The following material was hauled to the field:
 - a. Large quantities of cement which arrived by rail and were stored in the storage sheds.
 - b. Construction steel as used for the construction of reinforced concrete structures.
4. It was rumored that the PWs were to be relieved by Soviet construction battalions in June 1948 and that improvement work was to start at the field.
5. The following installations were available:
 - a. Seven to eight destroyed hangars, of which three were rebuilt during the period of observation: Brick structures, each 16x23x160 feet, with gabled roof.
 - b. Twelve destroyed five-story brick structures on the western edge of the field, being rebuilt, each about 60x230 feet, with small rooms for six or seven men each.

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c. Storage sheds, quartering cantonment buildings and earth bunkers for Soviet soldiers.

6. Occupation:

a. No aircraft.

b. About 400 air force soldiers and officers with a colonel as ranking officer. They were equipped with about 10 trucks and 10 to 15 tractors.

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The information confirms previous reports on preparations for improvement work at the field in 1948. The work seemed to have advanced very slowly while PWs were assigned there.

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